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Corona: increasing number of cases in Wiesbaden

The number of corona cases in Wiesbaden continues to rise. The administrative staff of the state capital therefore spoke on Monday, Oct. 19, about further measures. Since at the time of the meeting it was still unclear which measures Hessen will take at state level, the administrative staff postponed the decisions on further municipal measures to Tuesday, Oct. 20.

The infection situation in Wiesbaden has worsened over the weekend. During the last seven days, 210 new positive cases were added. The number of new infections per 100,000 inhabitants within the past seven days (7-day incidence) increased to 72.2. From a 7-day incidence of 35, the prevention and escalation concept of the State of Hessen dictates "extended measures" and from a 7-day incidence of 50 "consequent restriction concepts". So far, 27 people have died in Wiesbaden from Corona. "We appeal to all citizens to continue to comply with the contact and hygiene rules. We also recommend using the Corona warning app. It shows the incidence of infection and can thus provide information on appropriate behavior. In addition to entering positive test results, users will soon also be able to enter their symptoms in the app. This helps to assess the risk of infection for contacts even better," say Mayor Gert-Uwe Mende and Mayor and Health Secretary Dr. Oliver Franz.

Already last week, the administrative staff decided to restrict visits to care facilities from Wednesday, Oct. 21, to and including Sunday, Nov. 15. People who live in retirement and nursing homes or in assisted living facilities may then receive visits by a maximum of two people a maximum of three times per calendar week for one hour. Further visits are prohibited. The visit restriction does not apply to pastors, lawyers, notaries and parents if the person visited is an underage child. The visit restriction does not apply to persons who are to be granted access for professional or therapeutic reasons or due to official tasks. Persons who perform activities in the context of legal care, power of attorney or living will are excluded from the restriction, as are volunteers in the exercise of their office (Section 5 (1) sentence 2 and paragraph 4 sentence 1 of the Hessian law on care services). Visits by close relatives or as part of treatment by specialized palliative care during the dying process of a patient are also excluded from the restriction. "We know that visits are important for people in retirement and nursing homes. Nevertheless, we decided to take this measure in order to protect older people who belong to the risk group. With the visit restrictions, fewer people move around in the facilities. This makes infections less likely. This also helps ensure that sufficient treatment capacities are available in the clinics," say Mende and Dr. Franz.

Already since today, Monday, Oct. 19, a general mask requirement is effective in schools starting with fifth grade. Practical physical education is also prohibited in schools for all age groups in closed rooms. No spectators are allowed to watch trainings and competitions in professional, high-performance and amateur sports in closed rooms, and a maximum of 100 spectators outdoors. The visiting ban in Wiesbaden hospitals and the mask requirement at bus stops also continue to be in effect. Details of the regulations can be found in general directives. These can be downloaded from [wiesbaden.de/coronavirus](https://www.wiesbaden.de/coronavirus) under "Press releases and regulations".

If the administrative staff decides on further measures on Tuesday, Oct. 20, these will be based on decisions that the federal and state governments as well as independent cities and districts in the Rhine-Main area have agreed upon. This is to avoid a patchwork of regulations.

The German health authority can be reached by phone at (0611) 312828; Mondays to Fridays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on the weekends from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The employees of the Hessen-wide Corona hotline answer questions about health and quarantine on (0800) 5554666 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Further questions, concerns and information about the corona virus will be answered Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Current information on the subject of Corona is also available at [wiesbaden.de/coronavirus](https://www.wiesbaden.de/coronavirus).

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